

Sacred Heart Monastery Celebrates New Benedictine 'Doctor Of The Church'

The Sisters of Sacred Heart Monastery have celebrated the memory of Hildegard of Bingen every year on Sept. 17, but this year their celebration had special significance.

While her memory was honored by Benedictine women for centuries, this year, the whole Church is joining them. On May 10, 2012 Pope Benedict XVI extended the liturgical celebration of her as a saint to the universal Church.

Next, Pope Benedict XVI will proclaim Hildegard of Bingen, Germany, as a Doctor of the Church on October 10 of 2012. The title of "Doctor of the Church" is bestowed upon a saint whose writings are deemed to be of universal importance to the Church. The Pope must also declare the individual to be of "eminent learning" and "great sanctity." Some of the other thirty-five doctors of the church include St. Augustine, St. John Chrysostom, St. Thomas Aquinas, and St. Catherine of Siena.

Hildegard (1098-1179) was a German Benedictine nun, known for her visions and prophecies. She came from a wealthy family and when she was only eight years old was sent to study in a Benedictine monastery. She eventually decided to become a nun and later became an abbess.

In addition to being a nun and a mystic, she was a composer, writer, philosopher, ecologist, and expert on the use of herbs for healing. Her visions and prophecies were recognized by the pope during that time, allowing her to speak about them publicly.

This is great news for Benedictines around the world. The feast day celebration at Sacred Heart Monastery on September 17 included special liturgies, music, displays and announcement to all the sisters. The movie "Vision" will be shown at Sacred Heart Monastery on Friday, September 28. For more information call the monastery switchboard at 668-6000.



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Sisters Penny Bingham, prioress, and Marietta Kerkvliet look at a copy of the *Scivias*, a book written by St. Hildegard explaining the 26 visions she experienced. To the right is a poster depicting one of her symbolic visions.

Chan Gurney Airport Breakfast Draws Hundreds Of Visitors

The 15th annual Chan Gurney Airport breakfast was held on Sept. 16 at Hoffner hangar.

An estimated 571 people attended the breakfast, and 27 aircraft flew in for the event (21 from South Dakota, three from Nebraska, two from Iowa, and one from Minnesota). One special aircraft was a twin-engine, fixed wing King Air 200 air ambulance from Sanford Medical Intensive Air in Sioux Falls. The air ambulance was open for tours and made an impressive departure from the airport.

The breakfast was put on by the Yankton Regional Aviation Association (YRAA) and was a fundraising event for various YRAA projects including improvements at the Yankton's Airport Park and nine regional airports. The breakfast supplies were sponsored by HyVee courtesy of Tonya Graff. Other sponsors included Crop Dusters LLC (Brian & Kam Gradert, use of hangar, tables, chairs), Yankton Chamber of Commerce who supplied the PA system, and Chesterman Company (ground banners). Additional advertising was provided by KYNT, KVHT, WNAX, Mid-Continent Communications, Knology,

Yankton Chamber of Commerce, *The Observer* and *Yankton P&D*.

Exhibitors included Troy Cowman and Jean Scherschlight who displayed a response vehicle from the Yankton EMS, Alex Toupal displayed a Humvee from the U.S. Army National Guard, Gordon Olson (Mission Hill) displayed remote control aircraft, Karen Kubal displayed information on the League of World War I Aviation Historians, Francis Serr displayed 8th Air Force memorabilia, Devin Wagner displayed his powered hang glider and made a demonstration flight in it, and George Bittner (Mitchell) and Dwayne LaFave (DeSmet) displayed information about the South Dakota Pilots Association, which has 356-members. The Yankton Flight Training Center gave airplane rides, and Skyway Helicopters gave helicopter rides.

The airport breakfast was a great success due to the support provided by our sponsors and the great YRAA volunteers, both in organizing and promoting the breakfast, gathering equipment and supplies, and especially in making the breakfast run smoothly.

Irene Class Of 1962 Reunion Held

The Irene High School Class of 1962 had its 50-year reunion Sept. 1, 2012, at JoDean's Steakhouse & Lounge in Yankton.

Those attending were: Wanda (Ostrom) and Wayne Helgager, Sioux Falls; Russell Harts, Irene; Bob and Pam Nisson, Fordyce Neb.; Sandra (Larsen) Winkelman, Maynard and Lila Rempp, Shirley (Fagerhaug) and Lloyd Meng, Yankton; Jean (Healy) and John Vavra, Utica.

Everyone received a composition of each classmate's updated biography.

LEARNING ABOUT AG



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Fifth grade students from Sacred Heart participated in Field to Table held at Valley Ag Coop, Gayville. Students attend different stations and learn about hog production, machinery used to harvest crops, growth and development of corn crops, products made from corn and soybeans, and had the opportunity to simulate driving a tractor and combine in the field while plowing, planting, spraying, and harvesting. The South Dakota Dairy Princess, Olivia Siglin, was present and gave a presentation on the dairy industry. Pictured are Ivy Mines, Payton Wolfgram, S.D. Dairy Princess, Olivia Siglin, and Madison Wuebben.

Weed Patch

Heat, Heat Go Away

BY LINDA WUEBBEN
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I have a confession to make. Along with everyone else, I am totally ready for this summer to be over. It's time for the heat to go away. It's like there's this big bubble over us. It would be nice to find something or an event which would pop it. But I'm sure we just have to let Mother Nature complete the cycle in her own sweet way. We actually have no say in the matter. I just pray the drought ends soon and doesn't continue for another year.

But that's not the confession.

The only reason I would like the warm weather to stick around for a while is so my tomatoes can ripen. I have these enormous green tomatoes and my plants are loaded. The hot days really got the ripening process going.

But I'm not ready to quit canning tomatoes. Since my plants got a late start because I had to replant half of them, my canning got a late start. My soup is safely tucked away on my shelves and I stocked the shelves for a couple of my daughters. I canned pickles and pickles and pickles. Tired of pickles.

But that's not the confession.

I was so fortunate to have a neighbor bale me out when my tomatoes were few and far between. I had passed some garden produce along to him over the years and so when his red globes were abundant and juicy, and his shelves were properly stocked, he remembered and returned the favor. He passed along several five-gallon buckets so I could make my gallons of juice, sauce and vegetable soup. It's great when what goes around, comes around. Now I'm just starting to can my own tomatoes and time is running out.

But that's not the confession.

It was a hard year to figure. It was dry and hot but several vegetables thrived in my garden with continued watering. Like my cucumbers - they loved the heat as long as their feet stayed wet. My eggplants thrived also like my gladiolas - much to Bob's chagrin. I had more than one beautiful bouquet around the house for over three weeks. He also thinks every carrot seed grew but that's okay. My family was raised on rabbit food like carrots. The cabbage heads were very plentiful, too.

I have a trumpet vine at the corner of my deck which I planted nine years ago when we built our house. It has only had a few token blooms but this year it was a burst of orange trumpets and I didn't water it all. Last week I went out to the row of four-o'clocks on the west end of my garden with my trusty dust pan and whisk

broom to sweep up some seeds to put back for next year. They are usually round black balls and small in size - maybe an eighth of an inch. I didn't really find any to speak of so I will have to start with new seed next spring.

So, no confession to speak of yet.

The heat must have gotten the best of my cardinals. I have rarely seen any of my red

buddies over the last couple months. Oh maybe, once in a great while, I would catch a glimpse of a male high atop Bob's cherry tree. At least they aren't making colorful designs on my SUV and pickup anymore.

When I first talked about my beautiful birdsong and birdie varieties flying so gracefully around my house, a friend asked me what I did to attract those lovely winged beings. I confidently told her, nothing. I'm not the type to put out jelly or orange slices for them to enjoy. They have to fend for themselves just like me.

One morning soon after Bob tilled my garden this spring, I was gazing out my kitchen window, looking forward to a beautiful summer of gardening. The idea of a drought had not yet entered the picture although I knew there was very little precious precipitation over the long, brown winter. I was mentally planting the rows and counting the days until I could safely plant all my tomatoes and cabbages in the ground without the danger of frost killing them.

I looked to my right and noticed the garbage bowl was full and needed to be dumped. Where would I dump the garbage now that the garden was ready for planting? I suppose I would have to dump the orange and grapefruit rinds, onions, carrot peels...

Ding, ding, ding! Was that a light bulb flash? I had been dumping orange and grapefruit rinds in my garden as compost all winter long and the birds loved them. I had, unwittingly, been attracting those bright red cardinals.

And, so Virgie, I lied to you. That is my confession.

MEETINGS

TOASTMASTERS CLUB 1294

Yankton Toastmasters Club 1294 met Saturday, September 8th at 7:30 a.m. at the Fryn Pan Restaurant. Kathy Hejna gave the invocation and led the members in the pledge of allegiance.

A short business meeting was held, new member applicant Janis Kruse was voted in as a new member.

The clubs humorous speech and table topics contests were held. Doug Fickbohm was the chairperson for the contest. Participants were Jeremy Skrenes, Janice Stone and Carole Hale.

Head judge was Vernon Arens. Also judging was Kathy Hejna and Kevin Buhl. Sargent at arms and timer was Mike Arens. Table topic leader was Roy Wilcox who had the contest question and also conducted a regular table topics contest. Grammarian was Jana Lane, Jeremy Skrenes was Ah counter.

Jeremy Skrenes won first place in the speech contest with John Swenson taking second.

Jeremy Skrenes also won the table topics contest with second place going to Carol Hale and third place to Janice Stone.

Doug Fickbohm won the regular table topics award.

GET UP & GO

The Get Up & Go 4-H club met Sept. 9, 2012, at the Irene Legion Hall. Secretary Stephanie Hauger called the meeting to order. The American flag pledge was led by Emily Dangel and the 4-H pledge by Kevin Hinseth. The roll call topic was your favorite NFL football team. We discussed Fiddlers Contest. Our leader Karen Richelieu handed out forms for our record books. Daniel Dangel's demonstration was on how to build a dog waterer for 4-H. Garrett Dangel's demonstration was on how to make a milk jug for fishing. Emily Dangel's demonstration was on how to make party mix. Cole and Korie Norris's demonstration was on how to make freezer pickles. Lunch was served by Bailey, Caitlin, and Hunter Hinseth. Our next meeting will be on Oct. 7, 2012, at the Irene Legion Hall.

OUTLAW SCENIC BYWAY

Mary Rose called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. on Aug. 21, 2012, with the following members present: Mary Rose Pinkelman, St. James, Larry Halstead, Lynch, Al Brock, Valentine, Twyla Witt, Division of Nebraska Tourism, Theford, and Marita Placek, Lynch.

Marita read the minutes of the June meeting. (No meeting in July) Motion to approve the minutes by Al, seconded by Larry. Carried.

There was no treasurer's report. For bills, Al needs a \$50 check for the application fee to be sent to AQHA. Marita made a motion for Al to take \$50 of the \$100 he has from sales of "Legends and Lore of the Outlaw Trail" book and send a personal check to the AQHA for the fee and send the other \$50 to her. Larry seconded the motion. Carried. Al still hasn't received the check for \$200 from the Assn.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: No report on membership or tourism. Mary Rose reported the brochure has been updated and Marathon Press will print 10,000 brochures. She asked for suggestions and help on how to distribute brochures, as we need to get them out as soon as possible. She will ask Julie for help. Al suggested that 50 be sent directly to the Valentine Visitors Center.

Al reported on Trail Rides. The trail ride planned for Horse Thief Canyon at Lynch has been postponed until April 2013. Instead the fall trail ride will be at the Niobrara River Ranch October 13 and 14th, (the second weekend of October). The site is 15 miles east of Springview, near the spring that feeds the falls. The stick horses are finished and ready to go. Al needs T-shirts, CD's, and neckerchiefs. He also needs a bola bag - a water bottle carrier that is strapped over the shoulder. He will ask if Nissan's will donate bottles of wine or perhaps the Outlaw Trail will buy a case of wine - for prizes.

Dates for future rides are: April 2013 - ride in Lynch, June 28-30 - Butte Pancake Days, Fall 2013 - ride in September Big Canyon.

Ponca Homemade Weekend is Oct. 6-7.

Quiltway 2013 - nothing further to report since the last meeting. Twyla will talk to Valentine ladies and invite them to the Springview meeting.

The deadline for the application for the Tourism award is Sept. 7, 2012.

Valentine Old West Days are Oct. 4-7. Al suggested that we rent a 10 X 10 space at the high school and share with Tina Secor. He will take care of the vendor registration form, which is due by September 7th. Marita will be there with the books, Legends and Lore of the Outlaw Trail, on Friday. Twyla can probably work on Saturday. Al will contact Marita and Twyla.

A discussion was held on an ad in the Discovery magazine by NE Nebraska Travel for 2013.

The Outlaw Trail shared a 1/6-page ad with Kreyck's, Shannon Trail, and St. James. 1/6 page ad costs \$400. Al made a motion to go with the ad as before, if they would add 'Legends and Lore of the Outlaw Trail' and trail rides to ad, seconded by Larry. Motion carried.

The Corps of Discovery Welcome Center is a private organization and is having financial problems. Mary Rose was approached and asked for help from the Outlaw Trail. Greg is working 30 hours a week. They want us to pay him \$1 per hour per week to add to his salary of \$8 per hour. That would be \$30 per week times 52 weeks, adding up to \$1500 a year. The Outlaw Trail pays dues and is a member of the Center. Al made a motion to tell them, "No, thank you, we can't afford to do it." Larry seconded the motion. Carried.

Twyla reported - The National Scenic Byway Grant Awards have been announced. The Sandhills Journey Scenic Byway received \$115,000 grant. The Nebraska Tourism Commission has elected officers and will hold the next meeting Aug. 29 in Hastings. The Nebraska State Byway meeting will be held October 23 prior to the NE Travel conference on Oct. 24-25 in Gering. Tourism award nominations deadline is Sept. 7. There is a possibility State tourism may pay for some teleconference calls.

Mary Rose attended the NETA

meeting in Norfolk and was impressed with the good ideas and proposals presented.

The September meeting will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 18, at 11 a.m. at the Mob County Saloon and Grill at Springview.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

INTERCHANGE

Interchange met at noon on Sept. 17 at Minerva's. The meeting was called to order by President, Kathy Jacobs, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Guests of Joyce Stevens included Heidi Marsh of South Dakota Magazine and Holly Wortmann. Pauline Aklund of Shur-Co announced that Yankton is participating in the "Making Strides Against Breast Cancer" challenge. Terra Fisher of Daktronics announced that Junior Achievement is looking for teams for their upcoming Bowl-a-Thon fundraiser. Lois Varvel of Historic Yankton introduced the speaker, Joyce Stevens, who is retired from the Yankton Medical Clinic. Joyce spoke on her experiences this year as the recipient of the Nebraska Mother of the Year and the organization, "The American Mothers, Inc. - Past - Present - Future."

The next meeting of Interchange will be at noon on Sept. 24 at Minerva's with hostess Terra Fisher and speaker Ben Hanten, speaking on the upcoming "Wire Me Awake" conference.

ASHH TOASTMASTERS

ASHH Toastmasters Club met at noon Sept. 13 in the Benedictine Center with Toastmaster Steve Anderson. He asked Joe Neuhalfen to lead the invocation and Neuhalfen asked for "strength in this complex world".

Anderson then laid the foundation for the speeches of the day with the phrase "Table Topics on Steroids," which meant that each speaker would have time to prepare a 5- to 10-minute speech from the article given to them. Anderson named the speakers, i.e. MJ Rogers and Fran Kocer.

While the speakers were preparing

their messages, Jane Miller asked some "eclectic questions". She had Joyce Stevens and MaryAnn Wortmann do a pro/con discussion on New York City's "soft drinks" law. Greg and Muriel Stach were asked about the Libyan crisis and a drunk driver's killing of a pedestrian, respectively. Neuhalfen discussed his favorite comedian, Larry the Cable Guy, after Miller's quote from "Maxine". The trophy went to Wortmann and Greg Stach.

Rogers' "Miracle Survivor of 9/11" intended to persuade survivors to ask "Who can I help?" instead of "Why me?" Rogers received the Best Speaker trophy. Melissa Bader, as his evaluator, emphasized Rogers' "good pronunciation and purposefulness".

Kocer could not comprehend the "complex world of madmen" and wanted to persuade people "to take responsibility and to be thankful for freedom" in his "Defenseless Acts of Violence". His evaluator, Greg Stach, complimented Kocer's "fluid speech pattern", saying Kocer "looked convincing". Stach accepted the Best Evaluator award.

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WEEKDAYS
MONDAY-FRIDAY
Friday, September 21
7:40 am Vermillion Chamber
(Steve Howe)
8:15 am United Way
(Pam Kettering)

General Evaluator Jeff May complimented Anderson on his creative approach to obtaining speakers. May thanked his team: timer Chelsi Hames; "ah" counter Taylor O'Bryan; and grammarian David Fiebelkorn with the day's word "courageous".

"Who ya gonna call? Toastmasters!" is the Club's Halloween contest. Each week a song will be cackled out describing a club member. Fellow members are encouraged to identify "who ya gonna call" in hopes of treats at the November 1st Member and Mentor recognition party.

President Bader reminded the Club of the evaluation form that's available, Rogers' "Special Olympics" presentation Sept. 20, the Area contest Sept. 27 and that parliamentary procedure and evaluation training is being planned.

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